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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: A. KAGOSHIMA, et al.  
Serial No. : 10/080,539  
Filed: February 25, 2002  
For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
SEMICONDUCTORS**  
Group: 1763  
Examiner: K. Moore

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 30, 2004

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within a two-month time period subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed November 3, 2003. A credit card payment form in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (500.41253X00) and any excess fees credited to that account.

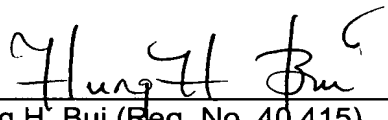
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